

## Update

May 2018

In September 2017, Huttig Building Products and its contractor, Terracon, finished removing wood waste and dioxin-contaminated soil from the north part of the Missoula White Pine Sash facility. With DEQ oversight, the waste was dug up and disposed of at the Missoula Landfill. The wood waste caused methane, posing a risk to human health. Removing this waste, along with soils containing dioxin, reduces the risk and will ultimately allow for reuse



*Contaminated soil being loaded for disposal.*

of the facility. Additionally, a small amount of buried debris had asbestos in it. DEQ required Huttig to determine the extent of the asbestos and in January 2018, Terracon removed and properly disposed of the asbestos-containing debris/soils at the Missoula Landfill.

After the soil was removed, samples were taken to make sure the soil met site-specific cleanup levels. Some additional soil removal was necessary based on the sample results. Once site-specific cleanup levels were met, all excavated areas were backfilled with clean soil. In total, 84,764 tons of contaminated soil was removed. The amount of soil/wood waste required 3,557 dump truck trips. Routine groundwater monitoring was also

performed and additional soil samples taken in the former wood treatment area.



*Wood waste being excavated for disposal.*

## 2018-2019 WORK

In March 2018, Huttig submitted a draft work plan for cleanup of the former wood treatment area, located near the Scott Street railyard overpass. DEQ will work with Huttig to ensure the work plan meets the requirements of the 2015 Record of Decision and will conduct oversight during cleanup activities to ensure they meet DEQ requirements. Due to the complexity of this type of work plan, DEQ anticipates several iterations and discussions throughout summer 2018 to ensure the cleanup is designed correctly. Soil excavation in the former wood treatment area is anticipated to begin in 2019. Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the work is encouraged to contact DEQ.

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**More Information**

Additional information about the MWPS Facility can be found online at DEQ's website:

<http://deq.mt.gov/Land/statesuperfund/missoulawhitepinesash>

Information can also be found at DEQ's Waste Management and Remediation Division Helena Office at 1225 Cedar St. in Helena, Montana. Some of the documents are also available for review at the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana in Missoula.



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